



Code: 8801

Family: Public Safety

Service: Public Safety

Group: Fire Service

Series: Firefighting

CLASS TITLE: FIREFIGHTER-EMT

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS

Under supervision, protects against the loss of life and the destruction of property, performing the full range of firefighting activities in the areas of: fire suppression and rescue, fire prevention, code enforcement, and special operations that include hazardous materials response, water rescue, and public fire safety education. Responds to incident calls providing basic first aid as a first responder and performs related duties as required

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

- Responds to fire alarms with a designated fire company working on the scene at fire emergencies fighting fires and performs emergency support activities, as required
- Exerts extensive physical activity climbing and raising ladders to extended heights and using firefighting and emergency rescue tools and equipment to forcibly enter burning structures through smoke filled passages and/or confined spaces to rescue victims and to extinguish fires
- Responds to emergency incidents using systematic search and evacuation procedures and location and excavation devices to safely locate and free victims
- Participates in company drills on firefighting techniques, emergency medical services, the handling and extinguishing of hazardous materials, extrication of victims and related safety processes and procedures
- Neutralizes and contains hazardous agents and evacuates areas and persons at risk
- Provides basic life support emergency medical services to injured or ill persons at fire scenes and at emergency or disaster incidents
- Attends firefighting and emergency medical services classes
- Receives and transmits fire alarms at fire stations, maintains fire equipment apparatus, and cleans and maintains station house premises

NOTE: *The list of essential duties is not intended to be inclusive; there may be other duties that are essential to particular positions within the class.*

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education, Training, and Experience

- Must be at least 18 years of age by the date of administration for the Firefighter examination
- Must be a high school graduate or possess a general equivalency diploma (GED) by the date of administration for the Firefighter examination

NOTE: Pursuant to the Municipal Code of Chicago 2-152-410, no person may be appointed as a probationary Firefighter-EMT after the person's 38th birthday.

Licensure, Certification, or Other Qualifications

- Must have a valid, non-expired CPAT (Candidate Physical Ability Test) certification at the time of pre-employment processing
- Must have a valid U.S Driver's License at the time of pre-employment processing
- Must pass background investigations including, fingerprinting and other pre-employment screening procedures

WORKING CONDITIONS

- Stressful and physically demanding environment
- Extreme weather conditions

EQUIPMENT

- Two-Way Radio
- Computers and peripheral equipment (e.g., personal computer, computer terminals, hand-held computer)
- Cardiac monitor and defibrillator
- Patient conveyance devices
- Airway management devices
- Splinting and hemorrhage control devices
- IV (Intravenous) insertion equipment
- Medication administration devices
- Personal protective equipment

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Must pass all phases of the selection process including a medical evaluation, drug screening, physical performance test and background investigation

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND OTHER WORK REQUIREMENTS

Knowledge

Moderate knowledge of:

- Region XI Chicago Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Policies and Procedures
- Illinois EMS Act and applicable portions of Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) regulations
- geographical locations in the City

Some knowledge of:

- Fire and emergency medical procedures
- Safety principles and practices
- Radio, telephone, and computer-aided dispatch communications systems and their operation

Knowledge of applicable City and department ordinances, policies, procedures, rules, regulations, and ordinances

Skills

- **ACTIVE LISTENING** - Give full attention to what other people are saying, take time to understand the points being made, ask questions as appropriate, and not interrupt at inappropriate times
- **CRITICAL THINKING** - Use logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions, or approaches to problems
- **SERVICE ORIENTATION** – Actively looks for ways to help people

- **SOCIAL PERCEPTIVENESS** – Demonstrates awareness of others' reactions and understands why they react as they do
- **EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE** – Performs routine maintenance on equipment and determines when and what kind of maintenance is needed
- **STAMINA** – Demonstrates energy and stamina to accomplish work tasks
- **OPERATION AND CONTROL** - Control operations of equipment or systems

Abilities

- **COMPREHEND ORAL INFORMATION** - Listen to and understand information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences
- **SPEAK** - Communicate information and ideas in speaking so others will understand
- **COMPREHEND WRITTEN INFORMATION** - Read and understand information and ideas presented in writing
- **WRITE** - Communicate information and ideas in writing so others will understand
- **MAKE SENSE OF INFORMATION** - Quickly make sense of, combine, and organize information into meaningful patterns

Other Work Requirements

- **PERSISTENCE** - Persist in the face of obstacles on the job
- **INITIATIVE** - Demonstrate willingness to take on job challenges
- **CONCERN FOR OTHERS** - Demonstrate sensitivity to others' needs and feelings and be understanding and helpful on the job
- **SELF CONTROL** – Maintains composure, keeps emotions in check even in very difficult situations, controls anger and avoids aggressive behavior
- **ATTENTION TO DETAIL** - Pay careful attention to detail and thoroughness in completing work tasks

All employees of the City of Chicago must demonstrate commitment to and compliance with applicable state and federal laws, and City ordinances and rules; the City's Ethics standards; and other City policies and procedures.

The City of Chicago will consider equivalent foreign degrees, accreditations, and credentials in evaluating qualifications.

* May be required at entry.

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